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Dear FCC:

It has come to my attention that you are proposing expanding LPFM service in such a way that it would take priority over FM translator national and regional services, such as those used by listener-supported radio. Please do not take away our translator stations such as KLOVE (105.3 in Jonesboro, AR & 94.7 and 94.9 in Memphis, TN) and AIR-1 (93.7 in Jonesboro, AR). KLOVE and AIR-1 are a great asset to our local community in providing a wholesome Christian alternative to commercial Rock and Country radio stations. They also provide news and information that are not available on the commercial stations. I personally listen to KLOVE or AIR-1 about 90% of my radio listening time (I would also include American Family Radio, 90.5 in Jonesboro). My teenage children also have become great fans of the music, news and information provided by AIR-1 and KLOVE. The quality of contemporary Christian music has made great strides in recent years as evidenced by "cross-over" hits (e.g. "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me), and these translator FM stations are the primary carriers of this wonderful music. I can't imagine why anyone would object to radio stations whose programming promotes love of fellow man, forgiveness of others' faults, self-restraint and good citizenship. It is so encouraging to see teenagers embracing music stations that promote these ideals instead of the stations whose music often promotes anarchy, behavior that harms ones-self and others, and promiscuity. I have witnessed the programming provided by translator FM stations of KLOVE, AIR-1, and AFR have a positive effect on my household, on my church, and on my community.

I cannot imagine not being able to listen to my favorite music on my favorite radio stations if you decide it is in the "public interest" to replace them with LPFM broadcasters. I also cannot imagine any possible benefit to our community by expanding LPFM broadcasting. We already have a "local-access" channel on cable TV that is hardly utilized at all. We also have quite a few local interest programs on local commercial AM and FM stations. I'm sure that anti-Christian bigotry is not behind this interest in expanding Low Power FM, but anti-Christian bigotry is alive and well in the good ol' USA and the "haters" will certainly celebrate if LPFM displaces these translator services.

Please don't take away our best sources of contemporary Christian music and news by displacing FM translator stations (like KLOVE, AIR-1, and AFR) with LPFM.

Sincerely,

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